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SUBJ: MRS. CARTER'S TRIP, MEDIA REACTION

1. ALL MAJOR PAPERS FRONTPAGE POST-SUPPLIED PHOTOS AND BOLD HEADS ON MRS. CARTER'S ARRIVAL HERE TODAY. ADDITIONAL PHOTOS AND WIRE SERVICE AND LOCALLY GENERATED STORIES RECEIVE PROMINENT INSIDE PLAY. EL UNIVERSAL FRONTPAGES TWO-COLUMN OFFICIAL PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER WITH BRIEF STORY AND FOUR-COLUMN, TWO-DECK HEAD, "ROSALYNN CARTER ARRIVES THIS AFTERNOON."

2. ALL PAPERS CABLEPAGES STORIES ON MRS. CARTER'S BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA STOPS. EL UNIVERSAL RUNS EFE AND AP STORIES, UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH A FOUR-COLUMN, ONE-DECK HEAD, "ROSALYNN CARTER IN COLOMBIA;" SUBHEADS; THIS AFTERNOON SHE ARRIVES IN VENEZUELA, LAST STOP OF HER LATIN AMERICAN TRIP; IN RECIFE, SHE MET WITH TWO NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES WHO WERE TORTURED IN THIS COUNTRY AND THEY TOLD HER THEY HAD BEEN TREATED LIKE ANIMALS*" STORY RUNS WITH PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER WALKING WITH COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. AFP PHOTO OF MRS. CARTER GREETING RECIFE FAMILY APPEARS ON ANOTHER

PAGE.

3. EL UNIVERSAL ALSO DEVOTES TWO-THIRDS OF A FULL INSIDE PAGE TO LOCALLY GENERATED BACKGROUND PIECE ON MRS. CARTER. FIVE-COLUMN, TWO DECK HEAD READS "ROSALYNN SMITH CARTER AN ENERGETIC WOMAN, SURE OF HER OWN IDENTITY, WHO IS AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN HER HUSBAND'S POLITICAL CAREER." STORY RUNS WITH TWO LARGE POST-SUPPLIED PHOTOS OF MRS. CARTER AND PHOTOS OF MARY HOYT AND ROBERT PASTOR.

4. ADDITIONAL LOCALLY GENERATED STORIES RECEIVE MODERATE CABLEPAGE TREATMENT: "MRS. PEREZ AND MRS. CARTER WILL MEET FOR A WORKING SESSION SATURDAY IN LA CASONA; DIRECTORS OF FUNDACOMUN, FUNDACION DEL NONO AND SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION WILL BE PRESENT;" AND "ROBERT A. PASTOR, YOUNG LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLAR IS ACCOMPANYING FIRST LADY OF THE U.S." LATTER STORY BASICALLY CONTAINS PASTOR'S BIO, HIGH LIGHTING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

5. AUTENTICO, NEW WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE FOUNDED BY CARACAS' RESPECTED AND WELL KNOWN JOURNALISTS, CARLOS RANGEL AND SOFIA IMBER, RUNS MRS. CARTER PHOTO ON ITS COVER THIS WEEK. TWELVE-PAGE STORY INSIDE IS A STORY ON MRS. CARTER'S LIFE, STUDDERED WITH QUOTES FROM CANDY STROUD'S BOOK, "HOW JIMMY WON." STORY IS A SOPHISTICATED LOOK AT MRS. CARTER'S PERSONAL AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND RUNS WITH THIRTEEN PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS STAGES OF HER LIFE.

6. SOFIA IMBER ALSO WRITES ABOUT MRS. CARTER IN HER EL UNIVERSAL UNCLASSIFIED

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COLUMN TODAY. EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

MRS. CARTER "WILL BE THE AMBASSADOR OF HER COUNTRY AND OF PRESIDENT CARTER ON MANY THEMES. WHAT INTERESTS ME ABOVE ALL IS ONE AREA: HUMAN RIGHTS....CASTRO HAS TRANQUILLY ADMITTED THAT HE HAS THREE THOUSAND POLITICAL PRISONERS IF HE SAYS THREE THOUSAND, IT MUST BE SIX OR SEVEN THOUSAND. SHE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN CASTRO'S PRISONS AND ENDS BY SAYING: "CAN WE PASS OVER THESE THINGS AT THE HOUR OF (THE US) RENEWING ITS RELATIONS WITH FIDEL CASTRO? IT IS PROBABLY THAT ROSALYNN CARTER WILL RECEIVE LETTERS IN CARACAS FROM FAMILIES OF CUBAN PRISONERS. IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL... IF ON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON SHE SAID TO HER HUSBAND THE CUBAN PRISONERS OF FIDEL HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS, LIKE ALL MEN, EVEN IF THEIR JAILERS CALL THEM 'WORMS.'" VAKY

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